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Note and Comment

A few days after the Thaw murder trial commenced in New York, William Whitely, "the universal provider" as he was called in London, a man who occupied a big place in the mercantile life of the British metropolis, was shot and killed at his office. The murderer was a young man named Raynor, who claimed to be Whitely's son. He was brought to court last week. The plea, like that in the Thaw trial, was that the deed was committed under stress of brain trouble and there were also elements in the case to appeal to sentimentality. But the trial lasted only a single day and on Saturday the death sentence was pronounced. There was much that was analogous in the two cases, but what a contrast in the systems of dealing with them.

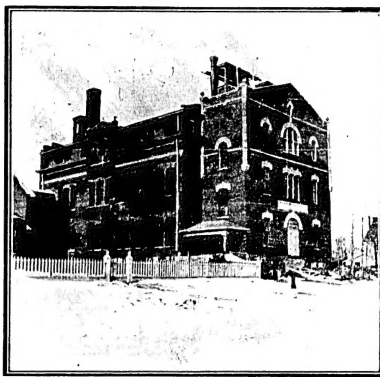
If ever Harry Thaw is convicted and suffers a penalty befitting the crime, which is extremely improbable, it will not be for several years yet. With the wealth at his family's disposal, there are a hundred ways by which the wheels of American justice can be stopped. Is it any wonder that lawlessness is increasing across the border? Is it not worth while living under British institutions?

The immigration into Western Canada during the present year promises to exceed all calculations. Basing its estimate on the reports of agents and steamship bookings, the department looks for an influx of 300,000, 50 per cent more than last year and equal to the total immigration of the decade from 1881 to 1891. The new-comers are arriving in large numbers at different Albertan points and have impressed those who have come into touch with them as being a very superior class of settlers. The Government is taking extra precautions to keep out undesirables. The fact that a very large proportion are from the British Isles and from the United States is particularly gratifying.

The Lethbridge Herald says: "One of the best boosters in Southern Alberta is E. N. Barker of Cardston. He should be engaged as publicity commissioner for the south country. Recent articles he has written for the press prove that he knows more about the resources and history of this part of the province than any other man." Readers of the Saturday News, to the columns of which Mr. Barker has contributed most of his recent articles, will be able to appreciate what the Herald says. He is one of the brightest and brainiest men in the province and it is to be hoped the time is not far distant when he will be serving Alberta in a wider field.

The legislature at its recent session left the selection of a site for the provincial university to the execut-

Edmonton's New Roman Catholic School



The massive building on Third Street, which is just being completed, is an evidence of the strength of Roman Catholicism in Edmonton

ive and Strathcona, Calgary and Red Deer are each setting up their claims to the institution. As the first named is the home of the Premier, who is also Minister of Education, the people of the two other towns assume that it will have an advantage and are arguing that the decision should be left to a vote of the House just as the capital question was. The Government laid up trouble for itself by setting that precedent. It has no right to shift the responsibility. The Saskatchewan cabinet determined that Regina should be the capital and introduced a Government resolution to make it so. If this course had been followed in Alberta, Mr. Cushing's position in Calgary might have been a trifle uncomfortable but the cabinet would have had the satisfaction of knowing that it had taken the proper constitutional procedure and would not have now to face this agitation in connection with the university. If the Legislature is to determine the site of the provincial seat of higher learning, why not that of the lunatic asylum or of any other institution that it is proposed to establish? If the principle is once accepted, demands will arise to have the minutest details of public policy left as open questions.

Preparations are now under way for making the provincial exhibition to be held in Edmonton in July worthy in every respect of the city and province. In other years the amusement features have rather thrown the exhibits into the background. This is inevitable to a certain extent. Amusements have to be provided to bring a large crowd out and there is no way in which to force those who pay the price of admission to look beyond the grand stand and the betting ring. But the

fact that comparatively few inspect exhibits is no reason for neglecting them. Our reputation as one of the most productive parts of the West will certainly suffer, if the management does not see to it that a good showing is made in the different departments. During fair week there will be a great many persons in the province sizing it up and they would naturally be attracted to the exhibition in search of information regarding the Edmonton district's resources. If only for the sake of the impression that is made on them, the exhibits should be fairly representative of what this part of the West can produce. In other years the grain display has been particularly poor and the stranger who views it would come to the conclusion that Edmonton was a good centre to keep away from. An effort should certainly be made to have this feature more thoroughly representative of actual conditions. If it is not made so, it would be better to cut it out altogether.

Announcement is made that a mail delivery system will be instituted in Edmonton about the middle of April. With electric cars, finely paved streets, postal delivery, and five or six million dollars' worth of building done during the interval, the lone trading post of two decades ago will be hard to recognise a year hence.

It remained for Mr. Bourassa to bring the "wine, women and graft" charges to the attention of parliament. Mr. Fowler, who made the threat to throw light on the private lives of Liberal leaders, did not follow it up, and Mr. Bourassa moved for a committee to investigate. The Premier in reply took the ground that as no definite charges had been made, there was

nothing that could be investigated. Sir Wilfrid's position is entirely proper. No definite accusations have been made and the member who stands out in the worst light is Mr. Fowler, who has besmirched the reputation of the whole Ministry without making a charge which an individual minister could be called upon to defend. No Canadian parliamentarian has ever cut a more contemptible figure. But even if he makes no move, the matter should not be allowed to rest. The Liberal party will suffer, if no further steps are taken. Sir Wilfrid should make investigation of the rumors on his own account. If they are well founded in any instance, he should get rid of the colleague concerned as speedily as possible. If they have no basis, the persons who are circulating the slanders should be prosecuted. But the process of clearing the air would be greatly facilitated if Mr. Fowler should do what any self-respecting man would feel bound to do after his original statement, — make public the information which he claims to have in his possession.

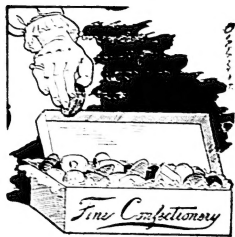
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The Gros Ventre district at Medicine Hat is certainly all right. Medicine Hat can produce splendid grain. We remember sixteen years ago when samples of malting barley from all over Canada were sent to the Maltsters' Association in England, and of all the samples submitted that grown by John Hawke, within two miles of this city, ranked the highest.

A correspondent writes: "Monopolies continue to exist and flourish and tighten their grip on the vitals of the nations. They continue to filch from the long-suffering people of our country, large profits on watered stock to swell the bank account of the foreign millionaires."

This is an extract from a speech of the Minister of public works in explaining the reason for the government's establishing a government owned and operated telephone system, to every word of which we say "Amen," but in doing so we also add that they express exactly the farmer's reason for asking for a government operated pork packing and beef canning plant. Any argument that will support the one will sustain the other: let the farmers press the argument home. We are in the majority now; a few years hence the monopolists, their agents and employees and even the representatives of the "foreign millionaires" will abound and oppose us. There will never again be a more favorable time to protect the swine and cattle industries than today. Farmers, make yourselves heard now or forever after hold your peace.

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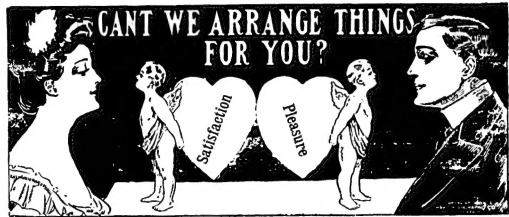
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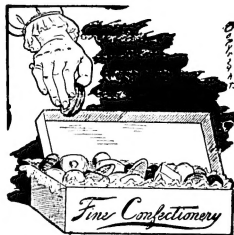
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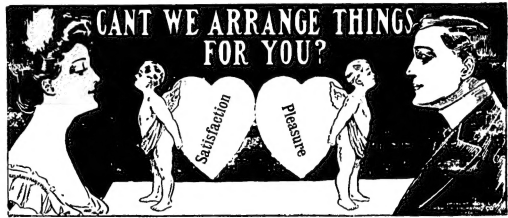
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J. H. Woods, who becomes equally interested in the Calgary Herald with J. J. Young and who will assume the active management of that paper, is a newspaper man of long experience, both on the editorial and business ends. He was city editor of the Toronto Mail and Empire for several years and later business manager of the Toronto News. For some time past he has conducted a highly successful advertising agency in Toronto. He is a man of wide interests and exceedingly well qualified to bring the Herald to a front rank in Canadian newspaperdom. In informing the public of the change, the Herald states that it will be under the control of no party, and it is understood that it is the intention of the new management to pursue an entirely independent policy. This would leave the Conservatives without a journalistic supporter in the southern city, the Albertan being of course a Liberal newspaper, while the News, but recently established, has as its managing director, Dan McGillicuddy, who for many years was prominent in Liberal circles in Ontario and lately a Dominion Government employee. Mr. Woods is a brother of S. B. Woods, Deputy Attorney General for Alberta.

T. A. Brick, M.P.P. left for his home at Peace River Crossing last week.

A. Sloan and S. Anderson have returned to Leduc after a fortnight's trip to Prince Rupert.

Riverview the delightful.

Rev. James Annand, the veteran Presbyterian missionary to the New Hebrides, preached in Queen's Avenue church last Sunday morning and at First Presbyterian in the evening. He was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Robertson while in the city. Rev. D. Flemming of Strathcona has been obliged on account of ill health to relinquish work for the time being.

N. H. Butterfield and Samuel Adams returned on Monday from a six weeks' trip to the Yellowstone.

They took in supplies for G.T.P. surveyors.

Alex. Butchart has returned from a month's visit to Ontario.

Colin Fraser, the veteran fur trader, left for the North on Tuesday.

Mrs. H. N. Lane, 276 Fifth Street, will receive on Tuesday and on the first Monday in every month thereafter.

Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Ormsby and Miss Ormsby of Toronto paid a visit to Mr. Ormsby's brother, the city electrician, during the week. They are returning from a tour round the world.

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Walter Campbell, the well-known hockey player, who was so seriously injured in a recent game and for whose benefit a match was played between the seniors and a city league team on Monday night, the score ending five all, is progressing satisfactorily. Fears were at first entertained that he would lose his leg.

Hon. J. W. St. John, Speaker of the Ontario Legislature, who was a visitor to Alberta last summer, is critically ill with appendicitis.

Mr. C. B. Beals will erect a two storey frame building with metal covering, on the lot facing on Rice street immediately in the rear of the Stovel Hardware Co. in the near future. The main building will occupy a ground space 50 x 60 and will be used as a machinery warehouse by Beals and Hoar. At the rear of the main building a blacksmithing and woodworking shop will be built to occupy a ground space 30 x 70. It is understood to be the purpose of the owners of the property on Queen's Ave., at present occupied by Beals and Hoar, to erect a two storey brick block with store rooms below and offices above.

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At a meeting of the directors of
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G. W. Greene and J. J. Gaetz were
appointed liquidators to wind up
the company's affairs.The Cory false pretence case at
Wetaskwin resulted in sentence be-
ing passed on the prisoner of four
months at Calgary. Lacombe, Mor-
ningside, Ponoka and Otonabee farm-
ers gave evidence. In summing up
his Honor Justice Scott dwelt upon
the danger of permitting swindlers
to go abroad and deceive the farm-
ers by specious talk.Martin Woolf, president of the
Cardston Board of Trade has re-
turned from Ottawa, where he went
to ask a bonus of \$3200 a mile for
the Macleod, Cardston and Mon-
tana railway, for which a charter
was obtained two or three sessions
ago. Mr. Wolf states that he was
not successful in his quest, as no sub-
sidies are being granted at this ses-
sion, but he was assured that the
project would be remembered in next
year's estimates. They met Hon.
Frank Oliver, Hon. H. R. Emmer-
son, and Sir Wilfred Laurier. While
at Ottawa, the delegation learned
for the first time of another charter
which was granted last year to-
gether with a \$3200 a mile subsidy,
for the Western Alberta Railway
Co., for a line from Pincher Creek
to Cardston, and then at an angle
southwesterly to the boundary. This
line will also run north but the south-
ern section will be sixty six miles.
The Macleod, Cardston and Montana
line will be sixty miles, and the two
roads will go through quite differ-
ent territory. Should both lines be
built, Cardston with three roads
will be a railway centre.By virtue of a dispensation granted
by the Grand Lodge of Alberta
at its recent meeting in Macleod,
Kenilworth Lodge, A.F. and A.M.,
has been instituted at Red Deer by
Rev Canon Hinchcliffe, D.D.G.M., of
No. 1 district, with the following
officers:W. M.—W. L. Ouimette.
S.M.—John Colison.
J.W.—W. J. Botterill.
Sec.—H. H. Humber
S.D. H. B. Hill
J. D.—Robt. Page
I.G.—D.G. Horn
Tyler—Wm. Mackenzie.The Young Conservatives have
organized in Red Deer with the fol-
lowing officers: Hon President, Rev.
Dr. Gaetz; Past President, A. T.
Stephenson; President, Dr. Collison;
Vice-presidents, W. E. Payne, S. N.
Carscallen, H. B. Hill; Sec.-treas.
M. A. Munro; Executive, Reg. Aly-
ford, W. J. Botterill, T. F. Ellis, J.
F. Gaetz, P. Pidgeon.J. H. Menzies has arrived in Red
Deer from Hanley, Sask., to take
over the management of the North-
ern Bank at Red Deer, in succession
to Mr. Scott, promoted to Edmon-
ton. Mr. Crawford who has ably
fulfilled the duties of acting man-
ager, will go to Victoria, B.C., with
a view of taking charge of a sub-
agency of the Northern Bank in
that city.A daily mail service between In-
nisfaul and Matherville is being pe-
titioned for.Robert Brown, proprietor of the
Royal Hotel, Stettler, was fined \$200
and costs for selling liquor on un-
licensed premises. The license has
since been granted and Mr. Brown
is asking for a refund of the fine
claiming that he had authority
from the Attorney-General's depart-
ment to sell.L. H. Cummings has been elected
president of the Board of Trade at
Olds in succession to A. E. Clem-
ens.I. Peterson, manager of the Mer-
chants' Bank at Stettler and a most
public-spirited citizen of that town,
has been transferred to Brandon.

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The Plaindealer's Plain Speaking

When a Liberal newspaper like the Strathcona Plaindealer speaks out as follows, it is time for the public at large to sit up and take notice. Referring to the Blairmore townsite case it says:

"Surely this judgment has placed Mr. McKenzie, M. P. P., for McLeod, and also the Siftonian administration of the Department of the Interior under a cloud. Mr. McKenzie stands in the judgment of Mr. Justice Burbridge as one who has obtained patent for the Blairmore townsite through the fraud of another. His explanation of the matter on the floor of the Alberta House was ('not' has evidently been omitted here) sufficient to turn the tide of public opinion in his favor nor can he turn that tide without abandoning the title he holds to the townsite of Blairmore, a sacrifice which he seems loath to make. Financially, probably no one but Mr. Lyon has suffered loss in this affair but the country has a right to know what Mr. Justice Burbridge could not fathom, why the Department of Interior dropped out of the case at the moment when their action prevented Mr. Lyon from obtaining justice. At first blush it appears that Mr. Sifton was bound to pull that \$200,000 chest nut out of the fire for his good friend McKenzie at any cost. It is now up to Mr. Oliver to have the matter investigated and laid bare in Parliament as far as the Department of Interior is connected with it. If Messrs Sifton and Turrill can justify their action well and good, if not the stigma of corruption rests on them and the party must suffer."

Our contemporary across the river has done its party a service by speaking out thus plainly. No other charge that has been brought against Mr. Sifton's administration of the Department of the Interior has had such a nasty look as this. Mr. McKenzie took up several newspaper columns in attempting an explanation but he did not touch the salient points. In any case the burden of explanation is not on his shoulders. It is a matter of very little interest whether he or Mr. Lyon secures the Blairmore townsite. But a question of more grave concern develops if it can be shown that the Department of the Interior has interfered in the case on behalf of a political favorite and by the misuse of its powers prevented the other party in the case from obtaining what the courts in the ordinary course of judicial procedure would have allowed him.

Mr. Oliver has up to date undertaken to defend all that was done by his department in Mr. Sifton's time. In doing so, he greatly weakened himself, in one instance at least. We refer to the North Atlantic Company case. The other day he brought down some information

to show that the North Atlantic people had been giving good service for the money the Dominion paid them. But the question that Mr. Oliver has never answered is this: Why, if the Company was giving such good service, did he so precipitately cancel their contract a year ago? Is the public not justified in believing that there was something very crooked as well as mysterious about the whole proceedings? Mr. Oliver should pay careful attention to the Plaindealer's warning and not follow a similar course in this instance. He must be aware of the fact that a deep-rooted suspicion exists throughout the whole of Canada, and particularly in the West, in regard to Mr. Sifton's administration of the Department. No public man can in so brief a period of time attain affluence without having questions asked as to the means by which the change was wrought. The Saturday News some time ago expressed the opinion that Mr. Sifton might yet wreck the Liberal administration. If his former colleagues continue to accept responsibility for all his actions while in office, this result is not improbable.

The new Catholic convent at Macleod is about complete. It will cost \$60,000.

Hon. Dr. Deveber states that he will probably be able to secure a collection of Canadian minerals from the Department of the Interior for the Lethbridge school.

Settlers of the right sort are coming across the line. There is one at Coutts now on his way from Montana to Millet, Alta., with three carloads of stock including twenty-two pure bred Herefords. Lethbridge Herald.

Rev. Mr. Whiteman of Cardston, impressed on the Macleod Presbytery at its last meeting that a more conciliatory attitude toward the Mormon people would be more consistent in the Presbyterian Church in Alberta. He deprecated the statements in the press and on the platform which only developed an antagonistic spirit.

A Liberal club has been organized at Athabasca Landing with the following officers: Hon. President, J. R. Boyle, M.P.P.; Hon. vice-president, J. K. Cornwall; President, J. Boulanger, M.D.; Vice-president, Jas. McKernan; 2nd vice, C. Brenner; secretary, L. T. Smith; Treasurer, R.C. Farrell. The following executive committee was also chosen: Robert Vance, John Russell, J. L. Lessard, Pierre Bellrose, T. B. Kirk, Capt. Shot, Capt. Barber.

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IN THE ATHLETIC WORLD



Messrs McGuirk and Danihi, who hail respectively from Brooklyn and New York, have been chosen umpires for the Alberta baseball league. Their names are not such as will come trippingly to the tongue. But that makes no difference. An umpire while on duty is not supposed to have any other name but "Robber!"

Medicine Hat has inaugurated a Saturday half holiday, to commence on April 6th and last throughout the summer. The different clubs propose to take full advantage of it. There is nothing like it to help along athletics and other towns and cities in Alberta should follow Medicine Hat's example.

The Stanley Cup has gone back to Montreal, despite the fact that both Smith and Westwick played for Kenora. When the easterners won on Saturday by 7 to 2, it was recognised that all was over but the cheering. On Monday Kenora succeeded in winning out by 6 to 5 but the margin was very far from enough. The Manitoba papers are still abusing Acting trustee Foran for his ruling, which both teams decided to disregard. It would surprise no one if this proved the last Stanley Cup contest. Mr. Foran has declared that the series will be treated as null and void and George Guile, a prominent officer and supporter of the Wanderers, says that he will resign from the club on account of their disregard of the acting trustee's decision. Lovers of hockey for its own sake are disgusted with the whole situation and the chances are that another season it will be surrendered altogether to the betting magnates who now have the upper hand. If the old amateur basis is to be abandoned altogether and the game run simply as a money maker, for Heaven's sake let the different clubs get together and organise it along baseball lines.

As was expected, Edmonton had no trouble in holding the Brackman Ker cup, winning the final by 4-0. The Plaindealer has the following to say about the result: "This has been an off season with the Stratheona hockey team but there is one thing to be said in their favor they take defeat cheerfully and in a sportsmanlike manner. They have never flunked yet because of a weak team or won a game by official favor but have met their engagements no matter what their conditions. Stratheona's turn will come." It is in this spirit that the hope of the game lies.

Cambridge's recent victory by four and a half lengths in the annual boat race over Oxford, the fifth in six years, brings the two universities fairly close together in the record of nearly eighty years of racing. Thirty six wins stand to Oxford's credit and twenty nine to Cambridge's. There has been one dead heat, in 1877. It is generally understood that just as soon as the score is evened up, if it is ever is, the event will be abandoned. It is developing into a big betting fixture and the university authorities do not relish having it so.

Through the efforts of Hon. Dr. De Veber, says the Lethbridge Herald, the 25 members of the provincial legislature have given five dollars each towards the purchase of a cup that shall represent the lacrosse championship of the province. It is understood that the total of one hundred and twenty five dollars is already on hand for that purpose. A local committee is now at work drafting a constitution for what will be known as the Alberta Amateur Lacrosse Association. When the draft is completed, it will be submitted to Senator De Veber for his approval. The association will stand for simon pure amateurism and will be entitled to hearty support.

BORN.

Maloney—At Edison, Alta., on Thursday, Dec. 28th, to Mr. and Mrs. Joseph D. Maloney a son.

McMahon—At Stratheona on March 25th, to Mr. and Mrs. W. H. McMahon a daughter.

Jaques—On the 1st inst at the Northern Star Ranch, the wife of H. Percy Jaques of a daughter.

Mackay—In Lethbridge, on Friday March 15th, to Mr. and Mrs. Geo. B. Mackay, a son.

Langlois—At Lamoureux on March 18, the wife of M. Langlois of a daughter.

MARRIED.

Thomas—Pargiter—In Winnipeg on March 16th, T. Berille Thomas, editor and proprietor of the Camrose Mail to Alice W. Pargiter, formerly of Edmonton.

Jenkins—Schofield—On March 18th, Ora Schofield to Robert James Jenkins, eldest son of James H. Jenkins Bon Accord.

DIED.

Carse—In Calgary on March 20, 1907, John Carse aged 56 years. Cushing—In Calgary, March 22, Hattie Ethel Cushing, aged 19 years and 10 months.

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ing long;
Heart, there were hours, indeed,
thou wert afraid,
So long the Spring delayed.

Shut in the Winter's alabaster
tomb,
So white and still the sleeping
Summer lay
That dead she seemed;
And none might know how in her
magic side
Slept the young Spring, and moved,
and smiled and dreamed.
Behold, she wakes again, and,
open-eyed,
Gazes in wonder, round the leafy
room,
At the young flowers. Upon this
Easter Day
Awaken, too, my heart, open thine
eyes,
And from thy seeming death thou
too, arise

Arise, my heart; yea, go thou forth
and sing!
Join thou my voice to all this
music sweet
Of crowding leaf and busy, build-
ing wing,
And falling showers;
The murmur soft of little lives new-
born,
The armies of the grass, the mil-
lion feet
Of marching flowers.

How sweetly blows the Resurrec-
tion horn
Across the meadows, over the far
hills!
In the soul's garden a new sweet-
ness stirs
And the heart fills,
And in and out the mind flow the
soft airs.
Arise, my heart, and sing, this
Easter morn;
In the year's resurrection do thy
part—Arise, my heart!

—Richard Le Gallienne.

When Lewis Carroll's heroine, with the happy audacity of child-hood, jumped through the looking glass into that strange, yet familiar room which we all see there, she discovered a topsy-turvy world peopled by the most deliciously inconse-quential creatures ever conceived. Yet, on close inspection, she gradually began to perceive that, though they were not, of course, for one moment to be compared to the peerless folk who inhabit the real world on the other side of the looking-glass, they were, for all that, curiously akin to some of her friends and relations. The looking glass, in short, gives one a fairly clear, if somewhat exaggerated, replica of the every-day world we live in. It is amazing what you can see in its polished surface if you gaze with attention and imagination, its only drawback being the disquieting Egoist, who, if you insist on taking the front place, inevitably confronts you.

You know to look into a mirror is really a fine test of character. Some people, the self-complacent ones, see there only the manifold attrac-tions of what they deem to be an

irresistible character, while others, inclined to the other extreme, dis-cover defects which do not exist. With all it is a salutary rite; not, as frivolous folk may think, connected solely with topsy-turvy hats and ties askew, but having a much more subtle significance. Happy the man or woman, who, gazing at his or her reflection, may be given the power to see things as they really are, and so be enabled to right and properly adjust them.

In Alice's Looking Glass House things were much the same, as in her real home only nicer. In our Glass of Reflection things are also the same, but clearer. All the tinsel of the disquieting present and thought-banishing excitement has left us, only remains the moving picture of what actually existed. If you look into your glass at any hour of the day you may see things, scenes, pictures, passing shadows. All sorts of hap-penings that made up your life's little day a week or a year since. Heavens, how dreary and stupid some of them seem now! Endless afternoons and evenings mis-spent. Opportunities passed up because you were too lazy to heed them, glaring electric lights, hard, cross, an-xious faces; fixed unmeaning smiles; little real fun, no gaiety, no sen-sible talk. Late hours, fatigue, ex-citement, ashes. Reflections all of the Wise and still is. Look again and you will catch a fleeting glimpse of yourself as you appeared at party, cards, or in your office. There you go peacocking about at tiresome functions, and in stuffy rooms, get-ting into rages over childish trou-bles; doing a heap of things you have no heart in, buying dozens of things you don't begin to need, and taking up with every fad of the hour. In short, wasting youth, time, money—everything, to keep your hand in at the game of the world.

Oh Looking Glass, Looking Glass you say to the You in its glassy sur-face, "how different, how very different, things might have been if they wasn't as they is!" With this expression of fleeting regret you leave it to its solitary state, while you go out to take up your hand in the game, where you left off.

Still she haunts me,
Phantom-wise,
Alice moving under skies
Never seen by waking eyes.

If the Easter of 1907 has brought me nothing else—which indeed I would indignantly deny—it has brought me the knowledge that at least two people are interested in this column, which, and by your leave, means very much to me seeing I have mothered it since first it came to life. And one of the friends is a resident of our own peerless city, while the other lives twenty three hundred miles down the line. Both have been kind and thoughtful enough to send some thoughts appropriate to the Easter season, and these I give you as they came to me, in the form of letters, directed to me, but really for the benefit of all the Mirrorites.

The first has to do with "Easter customs quaint and queer," when, wrote an early poet,
"On Easter eve the fire all was
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And fresh again from out the flint
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OBJECTS OF THE A. F. A.

(Extract from the constitution of the Alberta Farmers' Association.)

This Association is not a political organisation nor does it purpose endorsing the policy of any political party nor the candidature of any politician and the object of the Association shall be—

- (1) To forward the interests of the producers of grain and live stock in every honorable and legitimate way.
- (2) To hold meetings for the discussion of subjects pertaining to the production of grain and live stock, and the best means of marketing the same.
- (3) To encourage the production of superior varieties of grain, and the breeding and rearing of improved stock.
- (4) To encourage the establishment of industries which will give the producer greater facilities for marketing his produce.
- (5) To obtain by united effort profitable and equitable prices for farm produce.
- (6) To watch legislation relating to the farmers' interests, particularly that affecting the marketing and transportation of farm produce.
- (7) To suggest to Parliament from time to time as it is found necessary through duly appointed delegates, the passing of any new legislation to meet changing conditions and requirements.

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Strathcona -			
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Didsbury -			
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Pincher Creek -	15.00	8.84	12.48
Lethbridge -	13.8	8.16	11.52
Raymond -	17.4	10.2	14.4
Cardston -	18.00	10.54	14.88
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MR. SNOW'S MEETINGS.

No one who attended any of the meetings addressed during the past week by Mr. Matthew Snow, deputy warehouse commissioner, Winnipeg, under the auspices of the Alberta Farmers' Association, could have any doubt of the educational value of the work being conducted by this organization. It does not set out to turn the world upside down in the hope of benefiting the farmer, nor does it make any extravagant promises to him. It recognizes that the farmer who wishes to succeed must do so mainly on his own initiative. But it undertakes to show him the best way to go about the improvement of the conditions under which he is pursuing his calling. It believes that he can benefit himself best by the application of sound business principles.

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which has application to the whole of Western Canada, though it is designated by the name of one province. Its object is to prevent the elevator man and others from making undue exactions from the agriculturist, by affording the means by which the latter can render himself independent of these middlemen. Mr. Snow is an official of the department of the government service to which is given the enforcement of this act and the A. F. A. thought it would be well to have him come to Alberta to explain it in detail. The train was too late to enable him to fill his engagement at Vegreville on Wednesday, but he spoke at Strathcona on Saturday and at Leduc, Red Deer, Penhold and Innisfail during the week. He is scheduled for Olds on Monday night, and will then go on for an extended list of meetings in Southern Alberta.

Mr. Snow, though he has been a resident of Western Canada for 27 years, has not lost the strong Scotch accent which he brought with him across the water from Edinburgh. He is a speaker of great force and readiness. His grasp of the question that he is discussing is made apparent from his replies to the many questions that are asked him. A subject which in less competent hands would be considered very dull he lightens up in such a way as to make it keenly interesting even to those who are not directly affected by it. He is intensely practical and knows the needs of farming in Western Canada as few others. For many years he has owned and operated a farm himself at Wolsley, Saskatchewan.

It is unnecessary here to go into all the details of his talk. He needs to be heard to be appreciated and no one who has an opportunity to be present at his remaining meetings should fail to take advantage of it. Discussing the question of farmers' elevators, he pointed out that it was a first essential of success that the farmers should make up their minds that they intend to do business through such an elevator and that they will stick to it. It should handle in the neighborhood of 100,000 bushels of grain in order to pay. Mr. Snow visited St. Albert on Monday, where the subject of a farmers' elevator is being discussed, and at an informal conference gave advice that was much appreciated and that should prove of decided advantage. He also offered, in case the St. Albert scheme went on and it was at all possible for him to make the trip, to come up again and do what he could to help the project along. The provisions of the grain act regarding shipments from a loading platform, Mr. Snow explained quite fully. By the act the railway has to erect one in response to the demand of any ten farmers. The rules of the car order book, which have already been explained fully in the Saturday News, were a valuable safeguard. Elevator men complained that it bore heavily upon them but it was absolutely necessary in order to protect the farmer against having to accept street prices. Unfortunately in some parts farmers were abusing the privilege by entering names of sons and hired men in the book.

In reply to a question from Mr. Hamilton of Clover Bar regarding the ease of shipping points where there was no station agent, Mr. Snow stated that the failure to appoint agents at large shipping points was a scandal and that the grain commission would likely recommend that where a certain amount of grain was shipped, the railway could be forced to appoint an agent.

When asked by Mr. Macdonald to state whether he had found it more profitable to ship grain himself or not, Mr. Snow said that in 27 years he had sold a lot of grain both ways and his rule was this: So long as he thought buyers were not taking

more than three cents a bushel for handling it, he did not ship. There were many large shipping points, where the treatment accorded by the elevator men was so satisfactory that the loading platform was not used at all. If local conditions are satisfactory, his advice was, don't ship; but if they are not, take advantage of the grain act. In patronising an elevator farmers should always see their grain weighed and have the man in charge make out the ticket according to the act.

Mr. George Ball told of his experience in shipping oats last summer. He had suffered a loss through the grain being held, but even at that he secured two and a half cents more a bushel by shipping than if he had sold at the elevator.

Mr. George Macdonald of Olds accompanied Mr. Snow as far as Olds and addressed the meeting at Strathcona, emphasizing the importance of the work which the association was doing and the benefits that were to be derived from Mr. Snow's meetings. Mr. D. W. Warrier presided at Strathcona. In summing up the results of the meeting, he pointed out that it should teach the farmer not to do things blindly but to apply business principles to his affairs. This serves as an excellent motto for the association.

Because he allowed weed seeds from the cleaner of his elevator to blow out on the railway track, Mr. John Lineham of Innisfail, was fined \$10.00 and costs on March 15. This was an infringement of the Noxious Weeds Act and the first prosecution in the province in this respect will be taken as a warning to elevator men to be careful in the disposal of the screenings.

POULTRY AND CANNED BEEF.

The Minister of Agriculture in his address to the farmers at the close of the provincial seed fair directed attention to the fact that over four hundred thousand dollars worth of poultry and eggs are imported annually into Alberta from the East.

"This money," said Mr. Finlay, "might just as well go to the farmer of Alberta as to those of Ontario. In sending it elsewhere we impoverish the province by that amount, and it is the duty of farmers to take advantage of such opportunities as this to enrich themselves and the province as well."

Mr. Finlay is right but we might call attention to the fact that there is a great deal more canned beef imported into Alberta from the U.S. than there is of poultry from Ontario, and that Ontario is a sister province with whom we enjoy free trade while we are practically excluded from the United States by a high tariff wall.

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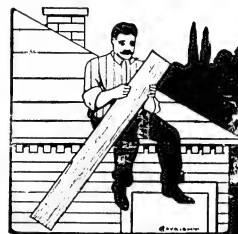
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GOVERNMENT STANDARD SEEDS.

Purchasers of red clover, alsike and Timothy seeds who want a good clean article should see to it that the seeds they buy are clearly represented by a reliable person or firm to be of first quality, by being marked "XXX", "1", "Prime," "Fancy," "XXX" or such other designation for which a special standard of purity is fixed in Section 4 of the Seed Control Act.

"Government Standard" is a term coined by seed vendors and may be misleading unless clearly understood. Section 4 of the Act fixes a standard of quality in respect to weed seeds, below which Timothy, alsike and red clover seeds are not allowed to be sold for seeding, either by farmers or seed merchants. This standard allows of the weed seeds named in the Act about 90 in one ounce of red clover, 200 in one ounce of alsike or 400 in one ounce of Timothy seed. It is to seeds that will pass this lower standard, but not sufficiently clean to grade "No. 1" that the term "Government Standard" was attached last season.

Some seed vendors have advertised seeds under "Government Seal."

No Government Seal is used on any seeds offered for sale in the trade. Some reliable seed houses sell grass and clover seeds sealed by them and for which they alone are held responsible so long as the seal remains intact, but not after it is broken. To avoid the provisions of Sections 3 of the Act, which applies mainly to seed grain, some seed vendors represent to farmers that, on account of the seed control act, they are offering their grain for sale for

milling purposes or feeding. If offered for sale for seeding, such seed vendors are required to make clear to intending purchasers that the seed contains wild oats, wild mustard, cockle and other noxious weed seeds when they are in the seed. The object of the Act is to protect farmers who want to protect themselves against such seeds. It provides the means for farmers to buy seed intelligently. Farmers who deliberately buy feed grain and use it for seed can scarcely hope for legislation that will protect them from loss on account of noxious weeds.

The secretary of the A.F.A. is requested to advise the farmer that a large percentage of the oats being tested this year are showing a low per cent of vitality. It is important that every farmer either test his own seed or send a sample to the Department of Agriculture, seed division, Calgary, and have it tested for him.

A special meeting of the Vegreville branch of the A.F.A. in Poulin's hall was held on March 20. The Vice-president, H. Trenhail, was in the chair. The subject of the meeting was "Farmers' shipment of grain and farmers' elevators." Mr. Snow, Deputy Warehouse Commissioner, could not reach town, as the train was about 30 hours late, but Mr. Warner ably took his place in addition to discharging his own part of the programme. He held the floor in a masterly manner for about an hour and three quarters. He congratulated the Vegreville people on their progress which was mainly due to their splendid country and the up to date farmers who surrounded it. It was up to the farmers now that they were educated in the matter to get the full market price for their grain and produce. The time was now ripe for the Government to take steps to see that the farmer gets the proceeds of his labor. Pat Burns controlled the beef industry but it was not the intention of the farmers' association to put anybody out of business. It was their intention simply to oppose organization with organization. Farmers should not dump their grain on the market but know what their products were worth and use legiti-

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mate means to obtain a profitable price. The association kept entirely out of party politics. J. B. Holden, M.P.P. for Vermilion constituency, followed and congratulated the association on having such men as Mr. Warner. The towns depended entirely on the farmer and he complimented the association in not dabbling in politics. The Government intended looking after the farmers' interests as already shown by the statements by the Minister of Agriculture, etc.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded Mr. Warner for the able manner in which he had addressed the meeting.

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A boys' school, to be called "The King Edward Seventh school" is in process of formation at Macleod. It is to be founded under Anglican Church auspices and will be residential in character.

The Northern Bank and Bank of Commerce will erect new blocks at Macleod this year.

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Those who have had experience with young people of foreign birth in Edmonton tell me that the rapidity with which they pick up bits of profanity is nothing short of marvellous. A Lutheran minister down at Medicine Hat, Rev. J Silak by name, has also found that this is the case and so impressed is he with the fact that he has written a letter to one of the local papers, which is decidedly interesting. Here is part of it:

"There came a girl here, to Medicine Hat, straight from Russia," he writes. "She got a position here in town. After a week or two she visited some friends and was asked how far she was in the English language already. As soon as she opened her mouth there it appeared that she had learned the wickedest words, such as 'God damn,' 'Old witch,' 'Go to hell,' etc., etc., etc. These words she learned in the family she told us here. As she was accused innocently of having cut a hole in the table oil cloth and she had defended herself as well as she could, she was ordered to 'Go to hell.' But she answered 'Go to hell, you old witch.' And she was asked who taught her that, then she pointed to the person—I cannot say lady—'You teach me that, you teach me that.' That was not right of the girl to repay bad with worse, but whose fault was it that she could do so? Not hers. If she had not heard those terrible words she could not have uttered them."

Other "persons" who have been

in a similar position can doubtless appreciate the feelings of this particular "person." Swearing is not to be commended in any case but it is particularly advisable to avoid it when children, parrots or others who are just learning the language happen to be about.

An Edmonton lady who has received what is known as the "snowball prayer" asks me to call attention to it. It seems that for some time it has been agitating the minds of hundreds of thousands of recipients throughout the United Kingdom. Each person who received a prayer was requested to copy it and post it to nine friends within nine days from its receipt. Those who did not comply were threatened with some dire misfortune, while those who complied were promised great joy. Newspapers and the leading clergy, including bishops, publicly recommended that warned recipients burn the prayer. One man wrote to a newspaper, saying that he had not complied with the request and that his daughter died on the ninth day. The origin of the prayer has been traced to the home of one of the fairest and youngest peeresses in London, who became wildly insane almost from her honeymoon, which followed one of the most brilliant pre-Lenten weddings of 1906. It began with depression and lassitude and then took a religious form. I notice by the Carstairs Journal that it has been received by a person there as well.

Such missives are worse than a public nuisance. Their effect on already disturbed minds is not hard to understand and it should be made a misdemeanor to circulate them.

At the recent convention of dress-makers in New York it was announced that the latest word from Paris was that the waist with buttons down behind must go. The married man, the continent over, will rejoice and Sam Kiser has broken out into the following:

Glad tidings from across the sea!

Let hope again begin to soar;
Contentment and serenity

For every man may be in store;

'Tis published that my lady fair

Shall presently be forced to wear

A waist that buttons down before.

Glad tidings from far off Poree;

Now who will sadly sigh 'Alack!'

Or, still complaining, only a see

The world through glasses that are black?

My lady fair, my lady gay,

Is called upon to put away
The waist that buttons down the back.

Glad tidings from across the sea:
Dance fortune, I will rise no more
To madly cast reproach on thee
Or thy grim edicts to deplore.
Ho, brothers! we'll be happy yet;
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AMONG THE BRANCHES.

Tofield branch of the A.F.A. has elected the following officers for the year: D. Francis, President; J. L. Grey, Vice president; J. W. Cookston; secretary-treasurer; J. O. Letourneau, A. A. Harriman, A. A. Story, A. Kelner, S. Hall and W. Thomson.

Despite the fact that it was the third farmers' meeting in town within a week, there was a splendid turnout at Vegreville on March 25th. The C.N.R. was severely criticized in connection with the bringing in of emigrants. It takes two weeks, it was stated, to bring a settler from Winnipeg to Vegreville.

At the organization meeting of the Daysland branch on March 4th a resolution was passed unanimously asking the Government to build, own and control grain elevators and packing houses and run them on the same principles as it is running the creameries.

At the regular meeting of the Innfail branch there was a discussion on the proposed changes in the homestead law. Dr. McIntyre, M.P., was asked to use his influence to have the clause calling for the nine mile limit of compulsory residence on preemptions omitted for all old settlers who avail themselves of the preemption privileges in the province where they homesteaded and resided.

The Raymond branch has a paid up membership of 40 and have held regular meetings throughout the winter. Among the subjects discussed have been Government creameries, the securing of a coal mine by the association, farmers' elevators, irrigation legislation, methods of raising sugar beets, small local improvement districts, farmers' shipments of grain and the weed ordinance. The farmers have received the Government bounty on sugar beets. "Intensive farming" writes Secretary Weide "is the farming of the future and sugar beets are the crop."

On Saturday, March the 16th a branch of the A.F.A. was formed at Everts, the following officers and directors being elected: S. Lindelein, President; A. J. O'Brien, Vice president; O. M. Forhan, sec-treas; directors, Dick Bleay, Jonas Johnson, Louis Lavall, L. Olson, Peter Lavals and W. Ward. Mr. Jamieson of Red Deer conducted the meeting.

FLOUR FOR THE ORIENT.

Campbell and Ottewell of the City flour mills have just made a shipment of flour to Shanghai, China, and report enquiries from several other points in the Orient. The outlook for a market for Alberta flour in the Orient is very promising and there is little doubt but what a very nice business will be developed in the near future.

MARKETS

There has been very little change in the local grain market during the past week:

No. 2 Nor. Wheat, 55 cents per bush.
No. 3 Nor Wheat 52cents per bushel.

Lower Grades, 40 to 48 cents per bushel.

No. 2 White Oats, 25 cents per bush.

No. 3 White Oats 24 cents per bushel.

Feed Barley 26 to 28 cents per bush. Malting Barley, 30 to 40 cents per bush.

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HAY.

There is less hay being marketed this week than last with a firmer tone to prices. Ruling prices about as follows:

Baled Hay in car lots—

Slough, \$10 to \$13 per ton.

Upland, \$14 to \$17 per ton.

Timothy \$17 to \$20 per ton.

By the load on market square—

Slough, \$9 to \$15 per ton

Upland, \$14 to \$18 per ton.

Timothy, \$18 to \$23 per ton

Sheave Oats, \$8 to \$12 per ton.

Straw, \$4.50 to \$5 per load.

Coal, \$4 to \$4.50 per ton.

Flour, Retail.

Best patent, \$2.30 per cwt.

Strong Bakers \$2 per cwt.

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S. C. Butchart, whose home is west of Ledue, committed suicide on March 18th. He had undergone an operation, which failed to afford relief, and he became despondent.

It's worth walking to Riverview—for the view.

Remorse on account of infidelity to her husband was the cause of the suicide at Foreman, near Stettler of Mrs. Chirles Steibitz. Her husband had recently returned from serving a two months' sentence at Fort Saskatchewan on a charge of assault preferred by Mrs. Steibitz. From all accounts she had no cause for complaint regarding his conduct since his return. This aroused qualms of conscience and after making confession to a son by a former marriage she shot herself. The story was originally reported as a murder.

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The Mirror

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from which it appears that the ancients commemorated Easter eve by letting all their fires out, and kindling them anew on Easter morning with flints; the significance being that fire typifies life, and the re-kindling of it the return to life.

"It is not hard," writes my Down the Limer, "to understand how eggs came to be associated with this feast, as they have always been the symbol of divinity. The Jews at the feast of the Passover, which Easter supplants in the Christian world, always used hard eggs. During Lent their use was prohibited, and Easter was the time for resuming the eating of them. It was therefore an egg feast. By an absurd mistake the hare is brought into the festivities of the season as the author of the Easter egg."

The story is told that in the middle ages a German lady sought to entertain her children by presenting them at Easter with some eggs. To heighten the amusement the eggs were colored and placed in nests in the field and the children sent to search for them. In doing so they disturbed a number of hares to whom they attributed the laying of the eggs. Henceforth, says the author of this story, the hare and the Easter egg became inseparably associated. The story is not a very plausible explanation but none other is offered, so it is the only reason the hare can gain for its interest in Easter. As a rule the hare is considered a sign of bad luck. Witches were supposed to transform themselves into hares, and to have a hare cross one's path was to lose all luck for the day.

Although Hot Cross Buns are associated with Good Friday they are said to have originally been a feature of Easter. Ancient writers tell us that before the advent of Christianity the pagans ate cakes in honor of the Goddess, Eostre. When they were converted they could not forego the cakes, so the priests taught them to sign them with the cross in order to expel all evil and paganism from them. Those who rise very early on Easter morning may see the sun give expression to his pleasure by dancing. Many centuries ago this idea was no doubt an incentive to early rising on Easter morning, but was one of the first customs to disappear, and there are now very few who see the sun dance on Easter morning.

Most prevalent of modern superstitions regarding Easter is that it is a time to wear new things. All sorts of misfortunes await those who go out on Easter morning without some new thing and if the sight of so many well dressed people going to church does not make the sun dance it must sorely tempt him. These, I will confide, are a Bachelor's Easter greetings to the readers of the column. And aren't they nice ones too? The second, which follow immediately, are from a woman, and are equally appreciated and acknowledged with my heartiest best wishes for her and hers, and here I wish you one and all a Happy, Happy Easter.

Dear Peggy, — Is there not the danger in the thoughts we are just

now giving to new spring gowns and Easter bonnets that we will miss the true significance of Easter Sunday? Not that there is anything wrong in putting aside the shabby apparel, worn during the long winter months, for the fresh bright things emblematic of the spring. Even if this old earth is still covered with its winter garment away up here in the Northland, we may have the spirit of spring in our hearts and a very natural longing for floral bedecked head gear and dainty new gowns. The reasonable indulgence of such desires is perfectly right and proper—but may we not fail to remember that the Easter season should mean more to both old and young than new bonnets and gowns, or Easter eggs, tiny stuffed chickens, and candy rabbits?

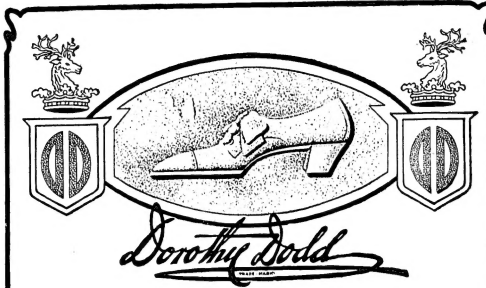
In the bosom of old Mother Earth, cuddled down under the snow, are many brown seeds of last year's flowers and grass awaiting the touch of the sun to spring into life and beauty. As a part of plant growth they are fulfilling their mission. They may have rebelled at being compelled to leave the bright sunshine to be covered up all these months by the winter's snow; but without that obedience to nature's law where would be our hopes for the coming season? Shall not we, products of the same creative Hand, be likewise obedient? Shall not we be content to fulfil our destiny of growth and bloom and seed time, in the garden where we are planted? What does it matter if some of us are placed quite out of the way, close by the wall, or in the shadow of some gigantic tree, rather than in the open border to attract the passerby? Be assured that in the Husbandman's own good time we shall be gathered, mayhap be transplanted, to His own garden, where special culture amid the right surroundings may cause such development and even evolution of our natural state, as to make scarcely recognisable the one time humble garden flower in the glorious perfection we shall then attain. So let us learn this Easter lesson of Hope—say of Faith—Christ's death and resurrection means just what He said: "I go to prepare a place for you that where I am there you may be also. Now don't let my little sermon make you gloomy. Why should it? There should be only joy at Easter—joy that the long "winter of our discontent" is past and Spring, glorious Spring, is near, bringing with it a delightful sense of sunshine, birds, and flowers, of "green things growing" and promises of an abundant harvest by and by.

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PRODUCE MARKET.

Prices quoted are average prices being paid to farmers in quantities Eggs..

Eggs are being brought in quite freely and there is a lower tendency to prices.

Strictly fresh, 20 cents per doz. Old stock by the case 18 to 20 cents per doz.

Butter.

Butter is in a somewhat better demand with a firmer tone to prices. Fancy dairy, 1 pound prints, 30 to 35 cents per pound.

Good to choice dairy, 25 to 30 cents per pound.

Dairy in crocks and tubs, 18 to 20 cents per pound. Creamery butter 30 to 35 cents per pound. Old butter, slow sale.

Potatoes.

There is a more active demand for potatoes with a small advance in prices.

Good potato selling at 35 to 40 cents per bushel.

LIVE STOCK

Fat cattle, live weight, 4c to 4 1-4c per pound.

Live hogs, 5 and three quarters to six per pound. Live Sheep, Five and a half to six cents per pound.

Veal calves, dressed, 8 to 9 cents per pound.

POULTRY

Live Turkeys, 15 to 16 per pound Dressed, 18 to 20 cents per pound

Live chickens, 11 to twelve and a half per pound. Dressed, 15 to 17 per pound.

Old hens, live, 10 to 11 cents per pound

Old hens, dressed 14 cents per pound

VEGREVILLE MARKETS

Wheat, 51 cents

Oats, line elevators, 23 cents

Oats, farmers main, Twenty four and a half cents

Barley 25 and 26 cents.

Hogs, 7 cents, dressed, very moderate demand

Hay, \$8

Potatoes, 35 cents.

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Eggs 18c. per doz

Potatoes 40c. per bushel

Wheat 53c. per bushel

Oats 23c. per bushel

Barley 25c. per bushel

Flax 90c. per bushel

Beef 5c. 6 dressed

Pork, 7c dressed

Mutton, 12 1-2 dressed

Chicken, 10c dressed

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The Canadian Government Report for the year 1897, on pages 22-23-24-25, describing the Pelican River well :---

"The different strata, as encountered after this are set out in the subjoined log. I used some of the heavy petroleum or maltha that flowed from the well in raising steam, and it made an extremely good fuel."

"If the hard slate stratum at 821 feet six inches had been pierced, a great flow of petroleum might, in my opinion, have been encountered. Indeed, it is altogether possible that at that depth we were within a few feet of a large body of Petroleum. Had it been struck while the flow of gas was in the unconquered condition, the result would have been disastrous, as there might have been no possible means of checking the flow. The flow of gas was so great that a cannon ball could not have been dropped down the pipe."

"355 feet a good deal of gas."

"743-768 Struck gas and some oil at 750 feet, quite a strong flow of gas at this point. Heavy oil similar to that struck before but of a higher specific gravity came out with the cuttings in the sand pump. The heavy oil seems mixed all through the sandstone and shale at this depth, and it looks as though the tar sands had been entered at about 740 feet."

"800-820. At 820 feet a tremendous flow of gas was struck which blew every drop of water out of the bore. The roar of gas could be heard for three miles or more. Soon it had completely dried the hole and was blowing a cloud of dust fifty feet into the air."

"820-821.---Six inches conglomerate mass of iron-pyrites nodules embedded in oil."

"821-826.---A very hard stratum of slate was encountered which we penetrated about three inches. We could get no water down the well on account of the strong flow of gas, so we could make no further progress with the drill in this hard cutting. The danger to the men was so great that they refused to work longer over the bore. We then put the 45 inch casing down to the very bottom hoping to shut off the gas, but failed to do so."

The Canadian Government Report for the year 1898, on page 29A, says regarding conditions at Egg Lake :---

"Tarry or pitchy matter is stated to been here first found in ploughing on the Northwest Quarter of Section Thirty, Township Fifty-six, Range Twenty-five, West of the Fourth Meridian. Several small excavations were then made and veins or layers of hardened pitch and pitch saturated sands were found."

"A large amount of sand saturated with tar was lying beside this pit. We bailed the water out of this pit, when the unstratified material with pebbles was found to extend down to a depth of eight feet and through it were running many veins of hardened pitch. Below this a coarse, moderately even grained and apparently horizontally bedded sand is reached. This sand is saturated with tar."

The well drilled near Egg Lake by H. L. Williams to a depth of 550 feet shows the formation there to be identical with the Pelican River well to the depth drilled, excepting that it was necessary to drill 195 feet deeper to strike the first large body of gas. The Affidavits of P. S. Gaudette, N. Hittinger, A. Guertin, J. S. Teffes and Avila Brisette are as follows : "I found gas escaping from said well in large quantities ; that said gas when lighted would burn steadily with a flame twenty feet height from the mouth of the well from which said gas was escaping."

The United States Government Report for the year 1902, says regarding oil near Edmonton :---

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